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Sringeri Srinivas was having a very bad day.



Nobody wanted the sweet, ripe bananas he was growing on his farm.



Not his family.



Not his neighbour.



Not his friends.



Not the traders who could sell the bananas
in far away markets.



And not even his cows!



“No, thank you,” they all said. “The bananas are very sweet but we have had too many. We cannot eat any more!”



Poor Sringeri Srinivas!



What was he to do
now with his rich
harvest of bananas?



He decided to seek help
from the Farmer's Centre
in Doddooru, a big town
near his village.



Off he went carrying the best crop of bananas.
Surely someone there would have a good idea for him.





A few days later, Sringeri Srinivas returned home looking very happy.

He went back to growing bananas on his farm.



But he did not offer the fruits to anyone anymore.



Not to his family.



Not to his neighbour.



Not to his friends.



Not to the
traders who
could sell the
bananas in far
away markets.



And not even to his cows!



Everyone became very curious.
Where were all the bananas going?



One day, neighbour Shivanna arranged a very big pooja.



The priest asked him to
get 108 ripe bananas
as an offering to the gods.



Shivanna ran to
Sringeri Srinivas.



“I’m sorry for saying no to
you before, but now I need
108 ripe bananas.
Can you help me, please?”



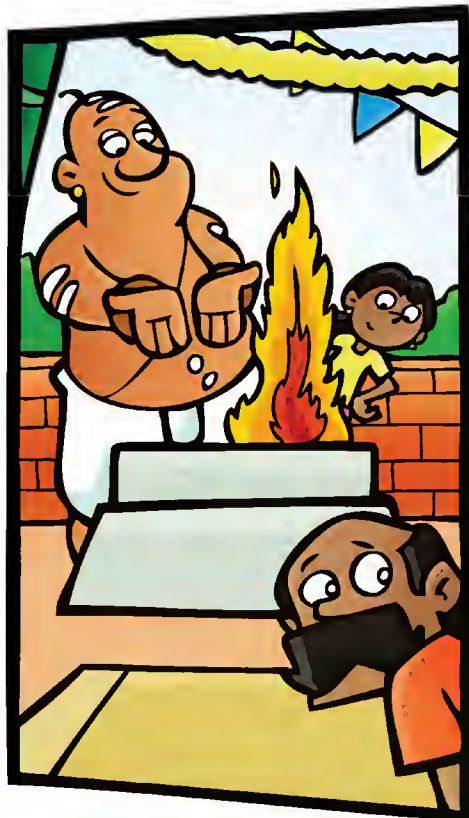
Sringeri Srinivas tapped his chin.



“Well, my crop has just been cut but let me see what I can do. You may start your pooja. I will surely come.”



The pooja started.

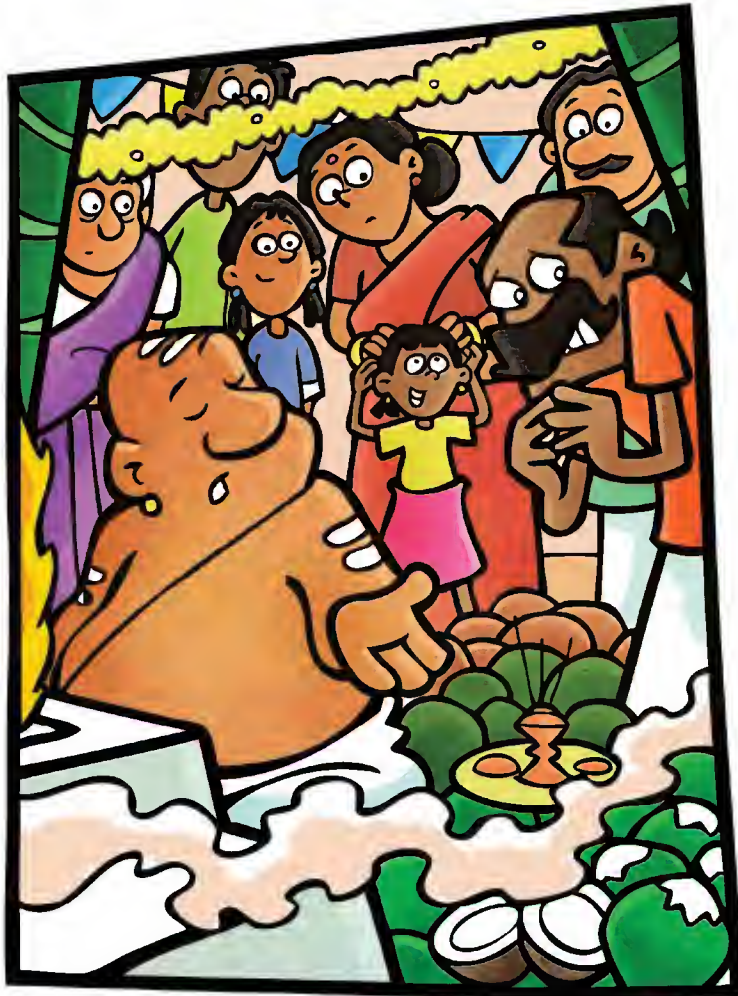


The whole village
came to watch.



The priest began
chanting.





Soon it became time
to offer bananas to
the gods.





Just then, in came
Sringeri Srinivas
carrying a big bag.





From the bag, he
carefully took out 27
packets and laid them
out before the holy fire.

Each packet was
carefully wrapped in
banana leaf.



On each one was written -
“High Quality Banana Halwa, S.S. Farms.”



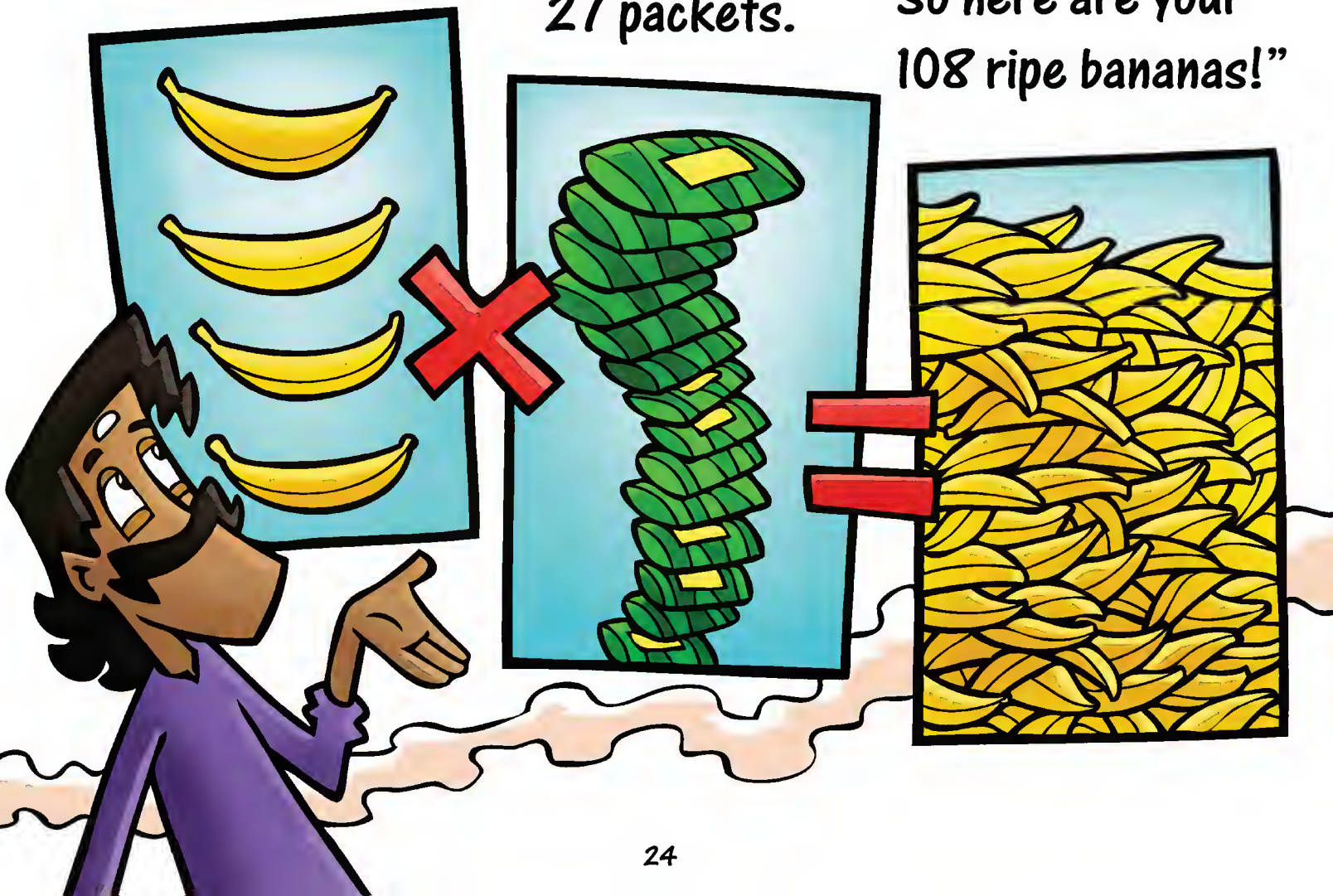
Sringeri Srinivas offered one to the priest.



“Each one has the
pulp of 4 bananas.

There are
27 packets.

So here are your
108 ripe bananas!”



The priest was so surprised
that he forgot to chant.



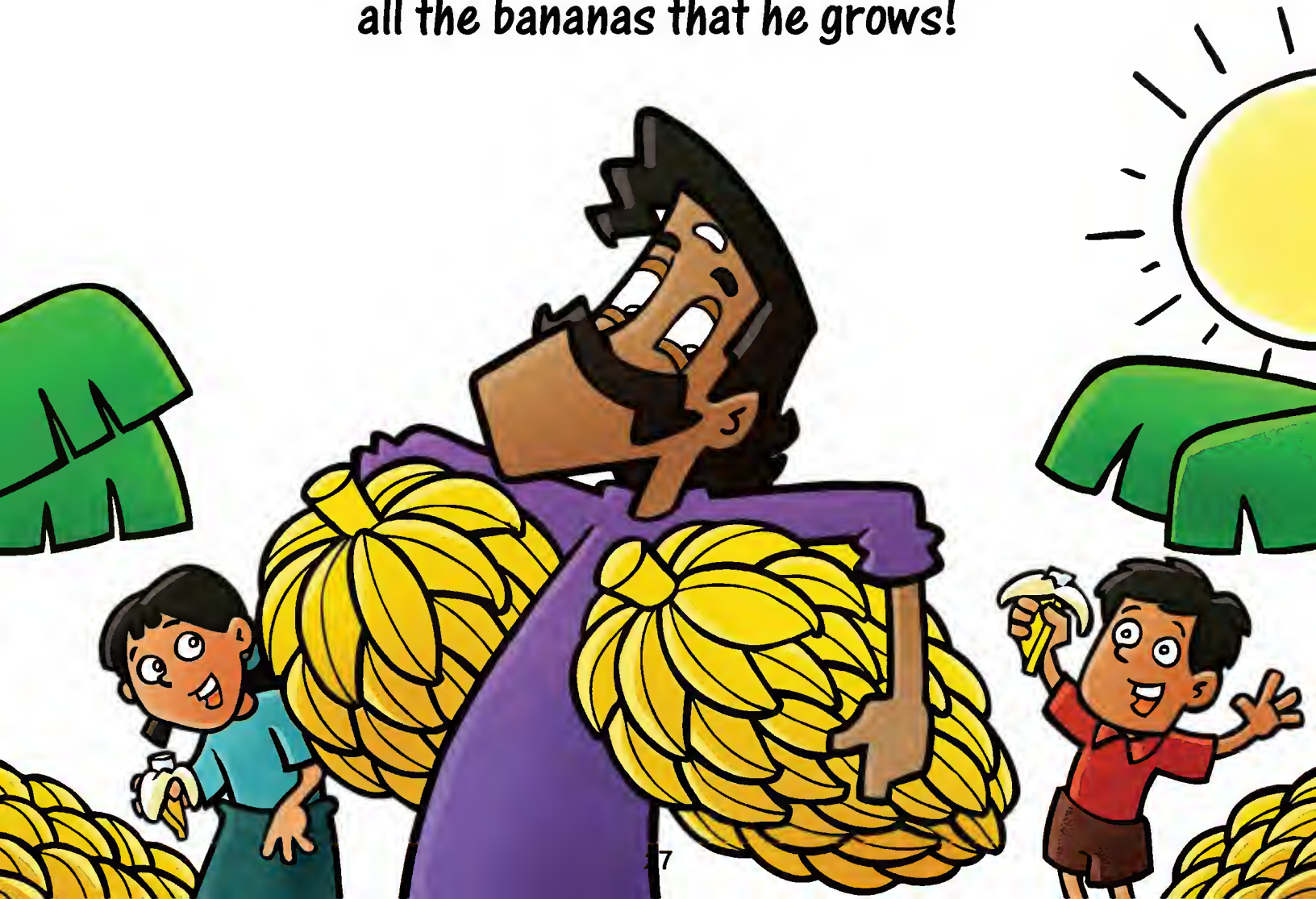
In the silence,
one child began
to laugh.



Soon the whole village was laughing and clapping.



Now we know what Sringeri Srinivas does with
all the bananas that he grows!



DID YOU KNOW?

Facts About Bananas



The word banana is derived from the Arabic word for 'finger'.



India is the largest producer of bananas in the world. There are over 120 edible varieties of bananas grown here.



The National Research Centre on Bananas in Trichy has a collection of 1120 banana varieties!



Bananas are high in minerals that help increase brain power. Bananas make students more active and alert.



Many Indian sweets are made out of bananas - Banana Payasam in Kerala, Banana Rasayana in Karnataka, Banana Halwa, Rawa Kela-Gur Mithai. Do you know some more?



My name is Gopalji Srivastava. I am in class 5 and never miss a movie by Amitabh Bachchan and Kajol. I also enjoy badminton and the bhangra.

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**No one wanted to buy the sweet bananas that
Sringeri Srinivas grew on his farm.
Find out what he did with them in this cute story.**

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